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ATTN WILLIAM RISTER
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RE: Site Management Activity Completed - Barton Post Office Site (#95-1921) - Barton, Vermont

Dear Mr. Rister:

The Department of Environmental Conservation, Sites Management Section (SMS) has received SEA Consultants, Inc.'s report and follow up report dated January 10, 2001 and January 15, 2001, of the work performed to complete petroleum contaminant remediation at the above noted site.

Based on the information provided in these reports and in the site file, the SMS has determined the following:

- In November of 1995, one 1,000 gallon #2 fuel oil underground storage tank (UST) was removed from service. Petroleum contaminated soil was encountered at concentrations above SMS guidelines (10 parts per million) as measured with a photoionization detector. Because the contamination was limited to the former tank pit, soils were backfilled. The SMS requested that the contaminated soil be excavated and disposed of to complete the site clean up.
- In April 1996, the SMS approved a work plan to excavate the remaining contaminated soil and disposal by thermal destruction. Permission to move transport the soil was granted in a separate letter in September 1996.
- On August 26, 1997, SEA and Aaron Environmental performed a soil excavation and separated approximately 9-10 cubic yards of contaminated soil for disposal at ESMI in Fort Edward, NY. Soil contamination was limited to the former tank pit and confirmatory samples collected from the sidewalls and bottom of the excavation found no detections of petroleum contamination as measured for total petroleum hydrocarbons.

Based on the current conditions at this site, the SMS has determined that the site is now eligible for a SMAC (Site Management Activity Completed) designation. This means that the SMS has determined the following:

- the 1,000 gallon #2 fuel oil UST has been removed from the ground, and is no longer a continuing source of petroleum contamination at this site;
- groundwater was not encountered at the site but the limits of petroleum contamination was defined;

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- all petroleum contaminated soil was removed and successfully treated off site by thermal destruction at ESMI in Ft. Edward, NY; and
- any residual contamination does not pose an unacceptable risk to human health or the environment.

Based on these findings, the SMS has determined that site management activities have been completed. The completion of these activities does not release the USPS of any past or future liability which may arise from the petroleum contamination discovered to have originated from the UST at the Barton Post Office site. It does mean that the SMS is not requiring any additional work be performed in response to the contamination discovered at this site.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact either me or Tim Cropley at (802)241-3888.

Sincerely,


George Desch, Chief
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cc: Scott Martin, SEA Consultant, Inc.
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